

**COVER SHEET: Lake Davis Pike Eradication Project**  
**Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS)**

**Plumas County, California**

**State CEQA Lead Agency:** California Department of Fish and Game (DFG)

**Federal NEPA Lead Agency:** USDA Forest Service, Plumas National Forest (PNF)

**Cooperating Agencies:** CA Dept. of Water Resources, CA Dept. of Health Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, Plumas County Environmental Health Department, CA Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, National Marine Fisheries Service, CA State Water Resources Control Board, CA Dept. of Pesticide Regulation, CALTRANS, EPA, CA Dept. of Food & Agriculture, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, CA State Historic Preservation Office, Plumas County Agriculture Commissioner.

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**Abstract:**

The DFG has identified the fish northern pike as a detrimental invasive species to Lake Davis, California. Northern pike have degraded the trout fishery at Lake Davis, as well as the local economic sectors dependant on that fishery. Pike, should they escape Lake Davis, also present a serious threat to aquatic ecosystems and sport and commercial fisheries in other parts of the state and region. Therefore, the DFG proposes to drawdown Lake Davis and apply a liquid rotenone formulation to Lake Davis and its tributary streams. The PNF proposes to issue the DFG a Special Use Permit (SUP) and implement two Forest Closure Orders to facilitate the eradication of pike. Seven alternatives are considered in this joint Draft EIR/EIS. Alternatives vary in the degree to which the reservoir water level would be lowered and in the formulation of rotenone utilized. A non-chemical alternative for eradication as well as the no action alternative are also evaluated. Analysis results and discussions of effects for physical, biological and social values are presented. Impacts and mitigation measures are identified.